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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Y. HIRA et al.
Serial No.: 09/923,427
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For: META AND CASE DATABASE DISTRIBUTED INFORMATION
SYSTEM AND METHOD OF IMPLEMENTING RULE BASED
SOLUTIONS TO CUSTOMER AND COMPANY SPECIFIC
ENGINEERING PROBLEMS
Group: 2129
Examiner: N. Allen

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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May 18, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 21, 2006, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 21, 2006, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks are included following the amendments.